



Gisborne Anglican Parish

## *Lent 2 Year B*

*St John's Riddells Creek Saturday 5.30 p.m.*

*St Paul's Gisborne, Sunday 9 a.m.*

*Church of the Resurrection Sunday 10.30 a.m.*

February 24/25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## **Welcome**

*A warm welcome to our Parish*

*We extend a very warm welcome to everyone who joins us for worship. Whether you are a visitor or a regular parishioner of the Anglican Church, you are invited to join us in Holy Communion. Please make yourself known to us and if you would like more information about our community and ministry, then please take a copy of our welcome brochure, visit our website or ask one of our sidespersons.*

**As if the temptation of Jesus was not enough**, Peter continues the barrage of trying to get Jesus to find another way of bringing in the new kingdom. Surely there must be better ways than the leader to personally sacrifice himself for the good of the people! Jesus' response is direct, and reminiscent of his time in the wilderness, *Get behind me, Temptation!* To repent is to deny yourself and turn your back on that which holds you in place. To move forward is sometimes the hardest thing we do: even more when we are told to take up a heavy burden. For Jesus, this burden was to be the cross on which new life was to be ours. A folly to some, a stumbling block to others. Amongst the many clichés that are offered in the sporting area, there is the ubiquitous *no pain, no glory*. Never was such pain to be endured for our glory! Today's image asks us a simple question. Many of us are happy to wear the cross as a sign of our faith, but are we capable of truly carrying it?

**Readings for Today:** Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22.24-32; Romans 4.13-25, Mark 8.31-38

**Readings for Next Weekend:** Exodus 20.1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22

### **Parish Fire Policy:**

If a CODE RED day is declared [this is the most extreme rating] and this occurs on a Saturday or Sunday – then please note that all services and/or parish activities will be cancelled on that day.

This policy will also apply during the week and to all our centres. For other fire danger ratings, it is important that everyone implement their own fire plan. Your own fire plan must always take precedence even if you are on a rostered duty.

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## The Gathering of the People

*The people stand and sing the Trisagion as the minister/s process*

*This setting is intended to be sung three times.*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y.

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

*The invocation is then said by the Presider.*

*The words printed in bold type are said or sung by the people.*

✠ Bless the Lord who forgives our sins,  
**whose mercy endures for ever.**

*The Presider greets the people in these words. The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts be open  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Kyries may be said or sung:*

All sing:



Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

Choir only: Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy

<sup>2</sup> All sing:



Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.

Choir only: Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

<sup>3</sup> All sing:



Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

## Confession and Absolution

*The minister introduces the confession with these words.*

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence*

**Merciful God,  
 our maker and our judge,  
 we have sinned against you  
 in thought, word, and deed,  
 and in what we have failed to do:  
 we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
 we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
 we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
 Father, forgive us.  
 Strengthen us to love and obey you  
 in newness of life;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Presider pronounces God's forgiveness to which the people reply Amen.*

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all  
who turn to him in faith:  
✠ pardon you and set you free  
from all yours sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The prayer of the day is said by the Presider.*

God, our glory,  
you gave a son to Abraham and Sarah  
and foretold among their descendants  
the coming of your Christ,  
the Son of Man who was to be rejected.  
Let us not weaken in faith  
before the hostility of the world,  
but give us courage  
to take up the cross and follow Jesus,  
who is one with you and the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

As we prepare to hear God's Holy Words through the scriptures:  
**open our hearts and minds, Lord. Amen.**

### The Ministry of the Word

*The people sit for the reading/s from the scriptures.*

First Lesson: Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16

*After the Lesson, the reader says*

May your word live in us  
**and bear much fruit to your glory.**



*The people remain seated for the second reading.*

Second Lesson: Romans 4.13-25

*After the Lesson, the reader says*

May your word live in us  
**and bear much fruit to your glory.**

First time: Choir only

Second time: All



**The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.  
Harden not your hearts.**

*The people remain standing and the appointed minister proclaims the gospel, first saying*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**Glory you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The appointed Gospel from Mark 8.31-38 is now proclaimed.*

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Breaking open the Word

*Following the sermon a short period of silence is observed.*

*The people stand and the minister introduces an Affirmation of Faith*

Let us together affirm our faith.

**We believe in one God, creator of all life,  
maker of past, present and future.  
Lord of all people and of all memories and hopes.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's Word of grace, and love made flesh,  
who came to declare good news to those in despair,  
to liberate both the oppressed and the oppressor,  
to proclaim God's mercy as our hope.**

**We believe in God's Holy Spirit,  
who takes our shattered dreams and makes us whole again,  
who lifts our dying spirits and gives us courage,  
who resurrects us to new life.**

**We believe that the Church is of God  
and will endure to the end of time,  
and calls us into a life of love and service.**

**Blessed is our God:  
✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

*The people may stand or sit for the prayers. The Presider says*

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

*The prayers end with this as the folder is placed on the Altar:*

As we, with one voice, offer our prayers, we place the names of those for whom our prayers have been asked on the altar, offering them to you with our gifts as we pray:

**God, our hope,  
we cry out for your saving help,  
for without you we can do nothing.  
Grant that your people  
may know what is right, do what is just  
and follow your purpose in all things.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace and Offertory

*All stand for the Greeting of Peace with these words.*

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All may exchange a greeting of peace.*

*The offertory hymn is sung during which the gifts of the people – bread, wine, and money are collected and brought forward.*

### **Offertory Hymn: Together in Song 576 O for a closer walk with God**

*The gifts of the people are presented and the Presider says*

With this bread that we bring

**we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring

**we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body,

wine for his blood,

gifts from God to his table we bring.

**Lord God,**

**teach us the wisdom of your table,**

**and in our sharing of your gifts**

**draw us closer to you**

**in love of one another.**

**We ask this through Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing and the Presider says*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*...for ever praising you and saying/singing:*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**✠Blessed is he who comes**

**in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*or the following may be sung. The choir sing the 'cantor' part.*

Choir only: Hosanna in the highest

All sing:



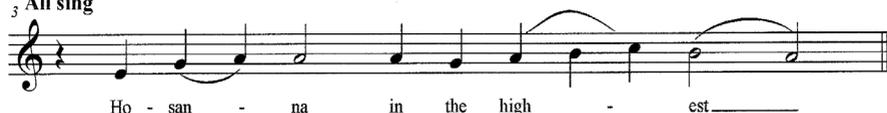
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...the prayer continues

A minister says

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Choir only: Christ had died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

All sing:



... in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

or the following is sung:



Choir only: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

**All sing:**



Choir only: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

<sup>2</sup> **All sing:**



Choir only: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

<sup>3</sup> **All sing:**



*The Presider invites the people to come and receive Communion with these words.*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.  
All are welcome at his supper. Come.

Communion Anthem at Church of the Resurrection  
*Benedictus, Rizza*

The Sending Out of God's People

*A minister says*

Let us stand to pray:

*The Presider says a post-communion prayer.*

God of mission,  
who alone brings growth to your Church,  
send your Holy Spirit to give  
vision to our planning,  
wisdom to our actions,  
and power to our witness.

**Take our hands and work through them;  
take our lips and speak through them;  
take our minds and think through them;  
take our hearts and set them on fire with love for you.**

*A hymn of Thanksgiving is sung:*

***Together in Song: 684 Love will be our Lenten calling***

*Notices may follow.*

*The Presider says a prayer over the people in place of the usual blessing during Lent.*

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,  
that you may find in him crucified,  
a sure ground for faith,  
affirm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sin forgiven.

*The minister says*

We go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**



**Gisborne Parish Spirituality  
Working Group meeting**

Sunday 4th

**March 12-1pm, Church of the Resurrection, Macedon.**

Following the Mission and Visioning Day held on the 23rd September 2017 it was determined by all who attended that the Parish Mission Action Plan should be built around three pillars:

- (i) Growth of the Church – young, new, all ages
  - (ii) Spiritual Growth
- and

(iii) Development of the potential function of Space / Property.

These pillars underpin most of the areas defined through the LYCiG consultations. There will be a meeting on **Sunday 4th March from 12 – 1pm** following the Macedon service of all those within the Parish who would like to contribute their ideas to the Growth of Spirituality across the Parish.

All ideas are welcome and we will look at defining the Strategic Intention for both church / community and personal spiritual growth, and the types of actions / activities that will assist with this. Please come along and share your ideas. If you are unable to attend the meeting, feel free to pass on your comments to Ngaire Neylon at [cbneylon@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cbneylon@bigpond.net.au). Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this important area of worship.

**World Day of Prayer:** This year the Gisborne Service will be held at the **House of the Rock Church**, 247 Station Road, New Gisborne on Friday 2 March commencing at 10am. All are welcome to attend.

**Mission Lunch March 25th, 2018 (Palm Sunday)**

**Where:** Riddells Creek Hotel

**Time:** 12.30 pm

**Cost:** Lunch \$20 (two course lunch)

**Donation \$5 for Broadmeadows Women's Community House.**

Please remember to bring non-perishable food items to Church and place in the baskets (or to the Parish Centre).

**Leading our Church into Growth –  
Group Gatherings, continued!**

**Session 2 - Our Journey** (*Growing deeper as followers of Jesus*)

Tuesday, March 6      1.30pm – Parish Centre &  
7.30pm – Church of the Resurrection

Wednesday, March 7      10.30am – Parish Centre, following 10am Eucharist

**Session 3 - Our Heart** (*Worship that helps the church to grow*)

Tuesday, March 20      1.30pm – Parish Centre  
7.30pm – Church of the Resurrection

Wednesday, March 21      10.30am – Parish Centre, following 10am Eucharist

*Let us come together this Lent to action leading our church into growth!*

More information to follow .....

**WANTED! Lids off aerosol cans and liquid laundry bottles.** If you can help, please hand over to Lorna Howard.

**REQUIRED!** A volunteer is required for emptying the outside Gisborne Op Shop clothing bin, Wednesday evenings, for approximately two months. Please contact Graeme Millar on 0413 781 501 if you are able to help.

## **This Week!**

Monday 26th	10.00am	Play Group, Parish Hall, Gisborne
Tuesday 27th	10.00am	Play Group, Parish Hall, Gisborne
	1.30pm	Bible Study, Parish Centre
Wednesday 28th	10.00am	Eucharist, St Paul's, Gisborne
Thursday 1st	7.15pm	Open Night, Gisborne
Friday 2nd	10.00am	World Day of Prayer, House of Rock
Saturday 3rd	5.30pm	Eucharist, St John's, Riddells Creek
Sunday 4th	9.00am	Eucharist, St Paul's, Gisborne
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist, CoR, Macedon
	3.45pm	EFM, CoR

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